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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION WITH AMENDMENT,  
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND  
WITHDRAWAL OF RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 27, 2001, which sets a one month period for response. Examiner VanderVegt is thanked for the courtesy of reopening the prosecution of this application. It is expressly stated that reconsidering the original Restriction Requirement and the Response thereto and withdrawing the previous Office Action on the merits was greatly appreciated and was in the spirit of helping the Applicants toward getting a patent. The undersigned heartily commends the Examiner for his actions and welcomes the opportunity to further state such to the PTO.

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